relating to Diloxanide Furoate has been verified and checked ; and

(g) what was the quantity and price at which each of them was purchased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) The price of bulk drug Diloxanide Furoate was revised from Rs. 972/- per kg. to Rs. 501/- per kg. w.e.f. 25-9-1991.

(c) and (d) The price of this bulk drug was increased due to impact of change of exchange rate against major foreign currencies taking into cosideration cost data available with the Government and in consultation with the BICP. To the extent information is available with the Government M/s. Boots. M/s. Unique, M/s. CIPLA and M/s. Camlin are the main producers of this drug in Organised Sector. The production data for the last 6 months have not been compiled as yet.

(e) There is no such information received in this Deptt.

(f) and (g) The existing price of ceiling pack of formulations based on Diloxanide Furoate is based on the current notified price of Rs. 501/- per kg. In the case of ceiling packs. purchase invoices are not verified. The notified price is taken into account.

Revised price of Metronidazole

1156. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3076 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) when the price of Metronidazole was revised in 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) what was the earlier price and the revised price;

(c) when the prices of formulations linked to the prices of bulk drug were notified/announced by Government and on what price of bulk drug the price of formulation are based at present;

(d) whether it is a fact that major formulators are the producers of bulk drug;

(e) whether it is also a fact that Government have allowed 8 per cent incidental charges in their cases also; and

(f) what is the justification and what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The price of bulk drug Metronidazole was revised in 1990-91 and 1991-92 as follows:—

Sl. No.	Earlier Prices (Rs./Kg)/ Date (w.e.f.)	Revised Priecs (Rs/kg)/Date (w.e.f.)
1	482·00/9-9-88	420·00/1-2-91
2	478·00/1-2-91	453·00/9-5-91
3	453·00/9-5-91	475·00/14-9-91

(c) The present prices of Metronidazole formulations are based on the present notified price of bulk drug plus incidentals thereon.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The matter is being looked into and information would be laid on the Table of the House.

Partial or complete assessment of drug companies

1157. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3074 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no assessment partial of complete has been made nor the earlier assessments for recovery in Drug Prices Equalisation Account revised during the year 1991-92;

(b) if so, what are the details of companies, earlier assessment and the revised assessment made during 1991-92 and the basis on which such assessments were revised;

(c) whether it is also a fact that officials concerned are advising the companies concerned not to pay the amounts due;

(d) whether Government have taken any decision to refer these cases for recovery as an arrear of land; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons, therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The assessment of the liabilities of the drug companies into Drugs Prices Equalisation Account has been done in a number of cases during the year 1991-92 also. The details of tentative liabilities into DPEA worked out during the year 1991-92 are given in the statement. (*See* below).

(c) There is no such information with the Government.

(d) and (e) In a number of cases, the companies have already been informed that if they do not discharge their liabilities the Government will be left with no alternative but to make the recoveries as arrears of land revenue, through the collector concerned.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Company (Drugs involved)	Period involved	Tentative liabilities (Rs./lakhs)
1	M/s. Cyanamid (India) Ltd. (Demethyl Chloro Tetracycline and formulations)	1984-87	830.05
2	M/s. John Wyeth & Geoffery Manners (Benzathine Pencillin and formulations)	1984-87	299.95
3	M/s. Anil Starch (Dextrose Anhydrous)	1984	1.16
4	M/s. Patie Davis (Multivitamins)	1983-87	1466.15
5	M/s. Abbott Labs. (Multivitamins)	1986-87	182.38
6	M/s. Pfizer India Limited (Protinex)	1986-89	81.83